



## U.S. Senator visits Corpus Christi Army Depot

Senator John Cornyn (R-Tex.) was at CCAD on Sat. for a whirl-

wind two-hour visit that included briefings and a tour of selected production areas. Cornyn, who has visited all active duty installations in Texas, serves within the Armed Services Committee on the Readiness and Management Support,

Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Texas.

Personnel and the Strategic Subcommittees.



photo by Lois Contreras

Larry Jobe, CCAD chief of staff (seen at podium) introduces Sen. John Cornyn to the news media and a group of CCAD employees on duty in Hangar 46 on Sat. Seen in photo with Jobe are (l-r): Al Gonzales, director of production management, Sen. Cornyn, Jobe, and SGM Larry Lovell, depot sergeant major. The senator, who is a member of the Armed Services Committee, visited CCAD as part of his efforts to emphasize the importance of military installations in South Texas.

Cornyn and spouse Sandy, were accompanied on the visit by two members of his staff, Daniel Mezza, San Antonio regional office director and Romanita Matta, Tex. media director. The visit was part of the senator's ongoing efforts to emphasize the importance of military installations in South

## AMC commanding general visits depot

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, paid a short visit to CCAD last week for onsite briefings in Bldg 22, which warehouses the Sikorsky parts kits. Kern also received briefings in Hangar 47 on the Black Hawk A to A recap program and the transmission shops where Lean processes have been implemented.

Kern, who directed the implementation of Lean processes at AMC installations, was at the depot for his last visit and stopped periodically to shake hands and chat with employees along the tour route, a gesture which is always a hit with the employees. Lean processes have proved a big success, resulting in reduced turnaround time on aircraft, components, and engines significantly.

"There are still challenges ahead of you, but you have taken big steps," Kern told the group of directors and office chiefs gathered in the CCAD commander's office at the conclusion of the visit.

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# September designated Hispanic Heritage Month

"This is the month we celebrate great contributions of Latinos to our country." So started a reading of excerpts from a Pres. Bush speech to Hispanic Heritage luncheon attendees at the White House read by SGM Larry Lovell to CCAD employees assembled outside the hydraulics shop area on Thurs. The reading continued: "It's a special month. It really echoes our diversity and the strength of our great democracy. I spend a lot of time talking about the transformational power of liberty, reminding people that liberty has got an incredible way of taking diverse people and uniting them into one common purpose. That's why we believe democracy has a place in our own neighborhood. We believe that liberty is important in countries

throughout our hemisphere. We believe in human dignity and human rights, the non-negotiable de-

to defense of freedom abroad and to the advance of freedom inside our own country.

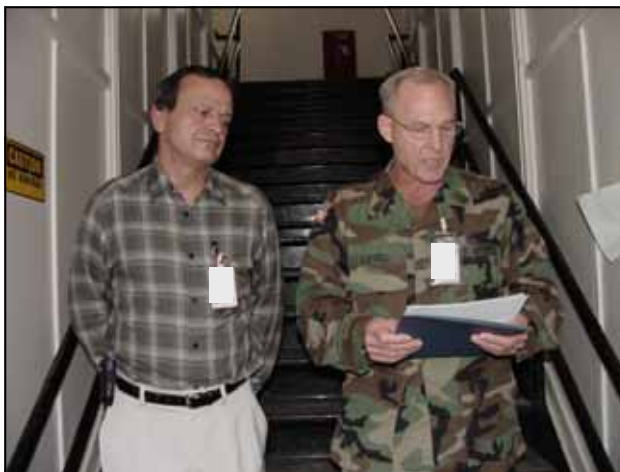


photo by Sharon Haynes

Al Gonzales (l), acting CCAD commander, looks on as SGM Larry Lovell (r), reads from a speech by President George W. Bush designating Sep. as Hispanic Heritage Month on Sep. 16.

"We're a diverse nation, but there are things that bind us--our love of freedom, our belief in God, our understanding of the importance of family, our desire to realize our dreams, the deep desire for people to live in a free society. I'm proud of your heritage. I'm proud of the ancestry. I'm proud to call Latinos Americans, and I'm proud to be your President."

A luncheon in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month on is planned for Oct. 6 at the Corpus Christi Bay Club. Tickets may be obtained by contacting any member of the Hispanic Employment Program Committee.

mands of human dignity. And that's achieved through liberty. "Latinos have contributed

## Hispanic Heritage Committee Luncheon

**Date: Wednesday, 6 October 2004**

**Time: 1100 - 1230 hrs**

**Location: NAS Corpus Christi Bay Club**

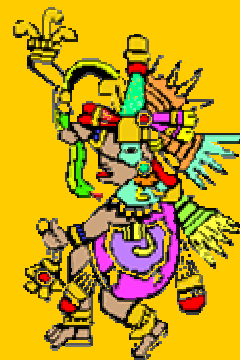
**Theme: "Hispanic Americans-Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation".**

**Speaker: Carlos Valdez, District Attorney**

**Tickets: \$7.50**

Tickets can be purchase by contacting the following committee members:

Juan Valdez, EEO Specislist	1-3317
Arturo Andrade, Chairman	1-6456
Albert Moreno, Vice Chair	1-6413 x 270
Gilberto Lopez, Secretary	1-4760 x254
Joseph Carreno	1-2443
Joe (Joey) Garcia	1-2925
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Gen. Paul J. Kern, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, is greeting upon arrival at NAS-CC flight operations by Larry R. Jobe, CCAD chief of staff on Sep. 14. Kern visited the depot and received onsite briefings in selected areas.



Seen above, (l-r) are: Carol Bullington, chief, business development office; Kresten Cook, director of engineering services; Dave Kegley, Sikorsky Aircraft Company; Gen. Kern; and Al Gonzales, director of production management after the general's tour of Bldg 22, which houses repair parts kits provided by Sikorsky under the CCAD-Sikorsky partnership.



Gen. Kern stops to chat with Nelda Molina, parts expeditor, during his tour of the UH60 A/A Lean production line in Hangar 47.



LTC Bobby Towery, aide-de-camp to Gen. Kern (on the right), stops to ask a question of Michael R. Mancha, sheetmetal mechanic, working on the UH-60 A/A line in Hangar 47.

Gen. Kern poses with members of the Lean team working in Building 147. Pictured (l-r) are: Kern, Manuel Gutierrez, Tina Castillo, and Jackie Johnson.



(L-r): Wayne McConley, director of components production; Dianne Warren, chief, Lean office; Brenda Bartley, Enrique Infante, Jr., all from Lean office; Gonzales; Pam Johnson, directorate of production management; Nickie Buzello, also Lean office, and Mark A. Gonzales, listen along with Gen. Kern to a Lean briefing in the transmission area.

(L-r): Joe Herrera, director of engine production; Kresten Cook; and Dianne Warren, field questions from Gen. Kern during his walk-through of the engine shops area.



Gen. Kern is seen at right posing a question during his tour of Hangar 47. Also seen in photo are (l-r): Al Gonzales; Gordon Lester, Sikorsky senior site manager at CCAD; and Larry Simone, director of aircraft production.



# Depot wins energy and water management award

by Lois Contreras  
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The Corpus Christi Army Depot was recently selected as a winner of the 26th Annual Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Awards. Citing the depot's successful management and implementation of the energy and water saving ideas and strategies, the awards committee selected CCAD as one of the premier installations in the Army meeting and exceeding Army and Executive Or-

der energy goals.

CCAD was one of 40 nominations across the Army and was selected from the Small Group category for its alternative financing project. Personnel cited in the award notification include Adan Pena, energy conservation officer, Marciano Gonzalez, mechanical engineer and Sidney Stewart, electrical engineer from the CCAD directorate of engineering services,

and Ken Ormsbee, director, federal business unit, Chevron Energy Solutions Company, CCAD's partner in the energy savings performance contract (ESPC). (See "Energy savings program contract equals big savings for depot," by Michael Bartlett, project manager, in Sep. 5, '03 edition of Aircraftsman.)

The award will be presented at a ceremony in Washington, DC in late October.

## Directorate and GEAE form successful team

The directorate of engine production and General Electric Aircraft Engines (GEAE) formed Team Mid-Frame Medics and conducted a LEAN/Six Sigma Event in the T700 sub assembly branch on Fri., Sept. 10. Team Mid-Frame Medics was faced with the challenge of reducing excessive time to assemble mid-frame due to wasted motion and non-value added process steps. After reviewing, compiling and assessing all aspects, the team met, discussed, for-



Members of the directorate of engine production/General Electric Aircraft Engines newly formed Team Mid-frame Medics are shown above, (front row, (l-r): Arthur Martinez, Chief, T700 engine division; Len Meyer, GEAE; Chris Gallegos, directorate of manufacturing/process production; Robert Herrera, directorate of engine production; John Greiner, T700 sub assembly branch; and Kimberly Wittliff, Texas A&M Support. Second row (l-r): Bill Constantinesco, GEAE Six Sigma Blackbelt; Rudy Andrada, T700 sub assembly; Dave Rutledge, machine branch #2; Harry Whiting, Texas A&M Support, Oscar Saenz, T700 sub assembly; and Lee Fitch, GEAE.

mulated and implemented LEAN/Six Sigma goals and objectives that resulted in a 40% reduction in final assembly time by acquiring special tools, improve shop layout, and adding personnel to insure quality of components and documentation.

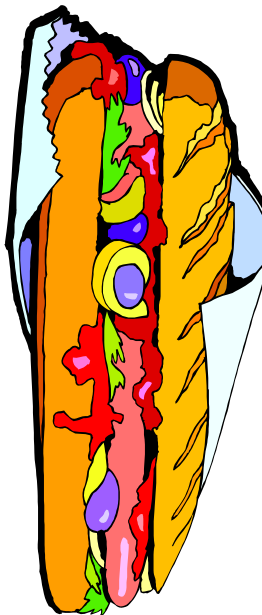
"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is a success," says Joe Herrera, director of engine production.



"Way to go, Dude!" seems to be the great B.B. King's comment to Leo Gonzales (seen at left) through the magic of digital alteration of photos above. Gonzales, who works in the command admin office, is seen holding front row tickets he won to the B.B. King performance scheduled for Sun. night. Gonzales won the tickets from a local TV station that held a drawing from online contest entries.

## Subway opens stand -

At 1030 last Thurs. Subway Sandwich Shop opened a temporary site in CCAD Headquarters Building 8. In a time span from 1030 - 1230, Subway sold over 200 fresh, made- to-order sandwiches out of a kiosk in front of the old Branding Iron area. In order to speed up service, the kiosk offers a limited menu. The kiosk will be at this location for approximately two months until the former Branding Iron area can be transformed into a full scale Subway Sandwich shop. The temporary Subway kiosk hours of operation are 9:00AM-2:00PM, Mon.-Fri.



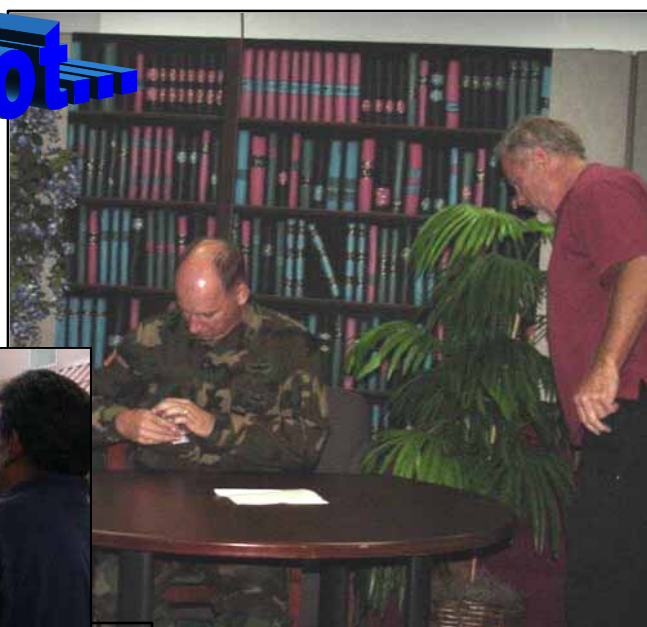
SGM Larry Lovell (r) congratulates Mehbob Lakhpaty, Subway Sandwich Shop regional director of development, on the opening of the temporary Subway in Building 8. The new Subway kiosk, which will serve ready-made sandwiches until the completion of the new Subway restaurant, is seen in the background with the first customers standing in line.

## Around the depot...

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**Farewell to Branding Iron** – A group of CCAD employees headed by Jorge Aguilar from directorate of quality assurance (seen in photo with back to camera) and Tammy Tuttle, directorate of production management (not shown in photo) held a farewell reception for Branding Iron employees (pictured l-r): Lee Harvey; David Cacaress; Steve Deutzler, and Josie Cavazos on Sep. 10, which marked the last day of operation for the MWR restaurant which has been in operation since early 90s. CCAD employees expressed their appreciation for the service received during the Branding Iron's tenure. Other CCAD employees involved but not pictured were Kelly Jackson, Lori Jones, Gordon Lester (Sikorsky Aircraft Company); John Hernandez (The Boeing Company); Bob Farr; Gaila Boucher and Bob Watson seen in background (in print shirt).



**Combined Federal Campaign kickoff** – Col. Timothy Sassenrath, CCAD commander (seated above) removes his ID prior to taping the intro to the CFC message to employees in the CCAD TV studio. Larry Dewey, video production specialist from the directorate of resource management, checks the microphone wire in preparation. Last year CCAD had 49% participation and contributed \$22,000 over the goal set by The United Way for the depot, for a total of \$252,000. This year's goal is \$235,000. "If we can get a larger percentage of the workforce to contribute this year, we can easily exceed our goal," said Sassenrath.





Jose Garanzuay, T700 assembly branch



Randy Bransetter , T700 assembly branch

The four T700 engine assembly branch employees pictured with Art Martinez, chief, T700 engine division, received on-the-spot awards for their dedication to duty and diligence in ensuring production schedules are met. Congratulations to all!



Hermeregildo Perez, T700 assembly branch



Archie Hooper, T700 assembly branch

Javier Moncada, engine test cells (l), received his 25-year length of service certificate and pin on Aug. 27 from Nelda Labbe-Spurgeon, chief, engine test cells (r).





**South Texas Military Facilities Task Force** – Gary Bushell (4<sup>th</sup> from left in photo above), a member of the STMFTF, accompanied a group of four on a visit to CCAD on Sep. 13. Members of the group included (in no particular order) Vickie Plunkett, Vice Adm (Ret.) Al Konetzki, Rear Adm. (Ret.) Paul Ryan, and Steve Karalekas. Seen in photo above (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) is Larry Jobe, CCAD chief of staff, as he briefed the group at a display case containing components worked in the directorate of components production hydraulics shop.



Pedro De La Fuente (c), engine test cells, received an on-the-spot award and commended for his ability to troubleshoot engines and power turbine modules which is a major factor in keeping turnaround time to a minimum while producing a high quality product. Pictured with De La Fuente are Pete Barrientes, chief, engine induction/final sell and T55 engine assembly division (l), and Nelda Labbe-Spurgeon, chief, engine test cell (r).

Don Ybanez, engine test cells (l), received his 40-year length of service certificate and pin from Joe Herrera, director of engine production (r) last week. Ybanez also received an on-the-spot award commending him for continuous efforts and quality output of T700 engines and cold modules, successfully training lower grade employees and apprentices.





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**The Aircraftsman is published by and for employees like...**



...**Edward Oliver**, seen here checking tip clearance on a T-55 engine...

and...



...**Terry Burgess**, force modernization specialist, shown reacting to co-workers singing "Happy Birthday" during her birthday celebration earlier this month.



(l-r) Joe Quintanilla, chief of inventory management branch, poses with Abraham Martinez and Al Gonzales, director of production management.

**Student Career Enhancement Program (SCEP) graduate receives promotion** - Abraham Martinez started work at CCAD on April 8, 2002 after being recruited for the CCAD-Del Mar College under the old student co-op program, now known as SCEP. Martinez started as a GS-04 computer operator and worked first and second shifts to accommodate his class schedules for the semester, working 32 hours per week. During his first year, Martinez learned the ASRS main operating system to include conducting system startups and shutdowns. He later moved to the AGV and SRV operating systems, where during the second phase he learned to conduct inventory scans and inquiries, and perform the end of day reports. In the third phase of his training, he became familiar with the shop floor stand layout, troubleshooting standard hardware problems and the zone layout for the AGV system and occasionally work on the PAK line and MRA to get a better understanding of how the system works from a functional standpoint. Martinez recently completed his associate's degree in networking support, and received his promotion to GS-06 and is now working full time.

"This SCEP program is unique and special, benefiting both the students and the depot in numerous ways. Not only does CCAD receive qualified workers, but it's a way for Del Mar to give back to the community by providing a more qualified workforce," said Martinez, who lives with his spouse of 17 years, Ana and their two children, Joshua, 14 and Anastacia, 10 in Corpus Christi.

Martinez plans to continue learning and eventually get into the technical aspect and become a system programmer. He plans to continue his college education and obtain a Bachelors Degree in his field of expertise, computer automation.



**Golf Outing  
Best Ball  
Four Member Team  
Saturday, 2 Oct 04  
Gulf Winds Golf Course  
Tee time: 0800  
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